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SUBJECT: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

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1. SUBJECT OF REFTEL AROSE DURING CONVERSATION MARCH 15 BETWEEN POL COUNSELOR AND MEA JOINT SECRETARY (UN) KRISHNAN ON OTHER SUBJECT (ECAFE AND PRG, REPORTED SEPTTEL). KRISHNAN, WHO IS ATTENDING ALGIERS NACC SESSION NEXT WEEK, COMMENTED THAT GOI WOULD DECIDE WHETHER FONMIN WOULD GO TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER NON-ALIGNED LEADERS. IF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF OTHER FONMINS PLANNED TO ATTEND, SO WOULD THE INDIANS. KRISHNAN SAID THE GOI WOULD REALLY PREFER TO HAVE THEIR PERMREP ATTEND THE MEETING SINCE PARLIAMENT WOULD STILL BE IN SESSION IN NEW DELHI AND IT WAS A LONG TRIP FOR A SHORT SESSION.

2. KRISHNAN SAID THE GOI WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT ITS POSITIONS AND HAD SEVERAL WORKING GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO
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PUT TOGETHER OPTIONS. AT THIS POINT HE ASKED WHAT WAS

US APPROACH TOWARD SPECIAL SESSION. POL COUNSELOR DREW ON REFTTEL PARA 5 (A-C) IN LOW KEY. KRISHNAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US APPROACH AND SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY LDC'S. AT THE SAME TIME, KRISHNAN SAID HE ANTICIPATED THERE WOULD BE PRESSURE TO SET UP SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL MONITORING COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT SOMETHING CONCRETE WAS LAID BEFORE THE UNGA REGULAR SESSION THIS FALL. KRISHNAN ASKED WHETHER THE US EXPECTED OIL TO COME UP. POL COUNSELOR MERELY COMMENTED IT WAS HARD TO SEE TW IT WOULD NOT. KRISHNAN AGREED.

3. COMMENT: UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY WAY OF AVOIDING TOPIC (REFTEL PARA 7) AND OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT BRIEF EXCHANGE MAY HAVE DONE SOME GOOD.
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